

May 12 FISHING FLEET NOW ABSENT ON TRIPS

Wharves Seem Desolate on Account of Their Absence.

Only one arrival was reported here up to noon today, sch. Morning Star bringing down from Boston 45,000 pounds of her fare left over from yesterday, which sold to split.

It is a rather vacant scene about the wharves these days, most of the crafts being away either seining, or in the various other branches of the fisheries. In a few days, the few remaining vessels, which are now fitting, will get underway.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Morning Star, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Romance, south seining.
Sch. Corona, south seining.
Sch. Patriot, salt drifting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50.
Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums \$4.50.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers \$1.50.
Haddock, \$2.00.
Hake, \$1.15.
Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Cod, large, \$2.25; medipm, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.
Hake \$1.10.
Cusk, large, \$1.75 medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, 90c.
Fresh halibut, 12c lb. for white, and 9 1/2c lb. for gray.

NO SEINERS AT NEW YORK TODAY

No seining fares were reported at New York early this morning, the only fish taken yesterday being 3000 large ones, which were landed at Cape May and shipped overland. They sold at 35 cents each.

Yesterday morning's shipments to New York amounted to 200 barrels bloaters, which were shipped overland.

May 12 FEW SMALL FARES AT NEW FISH PIER

Scacity of Haddock Ran the Price Up to \$3.50 to \$4 Per Cwt.

The few small fares at Boston made but little impression at the new fish pier this morning. The receipts since yesterday totalled about 160,000 pounds in all.

Haddock was scarce and sold at \$3.50 to \$4 a hundred pounds. Wholesale quotations on other grades were \$3 for large and \$1.75 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3 for hake, \$2 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. James and Esther, 500 haddock, 2500 cod, 27,000 hake, 2500 cusk.
Sch. Minnie, 1600 cod.
Sch. Laura Enos, 4000 cod.
Sch. Natalie Nelson, 9000 haddock, 37,000 cod.
Sch. Progress, 18,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 2000 cod, 16,000 hake, 8000 cusk.
Sch. Emily Sears, 10,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Georgianna, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Pontiac, 7000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2; cusk, \$1.50.

WHERE THE STEAM TRAWLER FAILED

The American Consul-General at Hong Kong, China, reports that the venture made a year or two ago by a local company to establish trawling—a trawler being brought from England—completely failed. Operations were carried on as far north as Formosa, but sufficient fish was not found to make it pay, and when the vessel was transferred to North China, the Chinese Government raised objections. The trawler is now working at Japan, a subsidiary company at Nagasaki being formed, and it has been making a small profit. In the meanwhile the imports of fish into China go on increasing; the value in 1912 (excluding beche-de-mer and similar goods) was \$7,807,882 gold, as against \$540,832 in 1911, and \$5,999,030 in 1910. and \$5,525,106 in 1909. About two-thirds of the imports enter China through Hong Kong. Much the larger part comes from Japan, and Macao furnishes about 15 per cent. of the whole. The United States share is small, chiefly salmon and herring. Everything depends on price. So long as imported fish can be obtained more cheaply than local supplies, it will be imported and the market in China is practically without limit.

May 12 MORE AWARDS BY TRIBUNAL

One Seizure Claim Given \$5000 and Interest for 93 Years.

If the decisions rendered by the American and British claims arbitration tribunal at Washington before adjournment are those in which the United States must pay \$5000 and interest for illegal seizure of a British ship, dating back to the war of 1812.

For the illegal seizure of the British ship Lord Nelson captured by the United States navy June 5, 1812, nearly two weeks before the declaration of war between the United States and Great Britain, the tribunal assessed \$5,000 damages against the United States, with 93 years interest.

Because its lighters in a rough sea in Manila Bay damaged the British collier Eastry in 1901, a judgment was rendered against the United States Government for £849 with interest at four per cent.

The case of the Canadian Government's steamship Canadienne, which was in collision with the U. S. S. Yantie, in the St. Lawrence River in 1897, the Commission found that both vessels were to blame, but in a different proportion, and assessed a damage of \$1,968 against the United States.

In the case of Elizabeth Cadenhad who was killed accidentally by a United States sentry shooting at an escaping prisoner near Fort Brady, Mich., the Commission, while absolving United States Government from pecuniary liability, expressed the desire that it would favorably consider the payment of some compensation to the girl's family as an act of grace.

An award of \$827 was made to the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company of Canada, for damages to its cable in Quebec harbor by the anchor of the U. S. S. Essex.

Halifax Pickled Fish Market.

Says the Halifax Maritime Merchant:

The local supply of pickled fish for the West India market, save in the article of salmon, is practically exhausted and it is expected that the first lots of alewives, herring and mackerel which come to hand, will likely sell at good prices. Now that the American market has been opened to Nova Scotia fishermen, it is expected that more herring will be packed in this country than for some years. The American market for fat mackerel continues demoralized. Considerable quantities from Nova Scotia are still lying in warehouses in Boston, the property of American importers.

Bait and Ice Reports.

Amherst Harbor, May 8.—Thick ice opposite entrance Amherst Harbor to Mademoiselle Hill, Bait scarce, Grindstone none, House Harbor some traps, ice five miles off Grandentrty.

Souris, May 8.—Eastern coast no ice, north coast small quantity board ice, no herring.

Queensport, May 8.—Herring scarce today, no ice.

May 12 247 BUSY NOW AT FULTON MARKET

There was considerable business in the salt water fish market last week, with an abundance of low-priced fish. A number of bluefish vessels arrived with good-sized catches. Mackerel receipts were light. Southern fancy fish was in light supply and not of the best quality. A few vessels arrived with cod.

Codfish was low-priced during the entire week.

Steak cod brought 4 to 6c and market cod 2 to 3c. A few sales were made on Monday at 3 1-2 to 4c.

The bulk of haddock sold during the week brought 4c.

About six cars of Western white halibut was received. The price was 10 to 11c. There was no Eastern white halibut in the market.

Hake was very low in price, selling at 1 to 3c, according to size.

Fresh mackerel. When there were tinkers in the market they brought 5c. Bloaters were quoted at 28 to 35c, and mediums at 12 to 20c.

During the early part of the week a few sales of pollock were made at 3 to 4c. During the remainder of the week, sales were made at 2 to 3 1-2c.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, April 28.—The demand for all descriptions of dry fish is general, and we hear of sales of codfish made in a retail way at \$36.50 per cask, which is an extreme price for the quality of goods now available. Pollock and haddock are scarce and sell in the neighborhood of \$25. Supplies of all kinds of fish on the way to this island from New York and Lunenburg amount to some 1400 casks. The position of our markets, however, is very firm.

We quote as follows on net ex wharf: Large codfish, \$35.50; medium codfish, \$35.50; small codfish, \$35; pollock, \$24.50; haddock, \$24.50.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.

New Fish Concerns.

The New York & Boston Smoked Fish Co., have incorporated in Boston, Mass., with a capitalization of \$5000. The directors are: Herman Finkelstein, of New York; Abraham Milhendler, Dorchester; Morris Roseman, Dorchester, and M. W. Cohen, Lynn.

The Standard Fish Co., of Boston, Mass., have filed articles of incorporation capitalized at \$25,000. The incorporators are: A. Isenburg, Meyer Goldstein and Harry Leven, all of Boston.

W. Forrest Munday, formerly with Freeman Cobb & Co., of Boston, Mass., has established a wholesale commission business in the Administration Building, on Boston Fish Pier, Boston, Mass.

Arrivals Light at Gulfport.

There were only two arrivals of fish at Gulfport last week. Two vessels from the red snapper banks with a total of 2000 pounds of fish for the Campeche Fish Co. The stock was disposed of in New Orleans.

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Yarmouth Fishing News.

Sch. Eddie James on Wednesday landed 3000 pounds halibut and 8000 pounds shack. The Natalie, the same day, landed 1600 pounds halibut and 9000 shack. Both sold to Henry Amiraucit.

The Angie B. Watson sold 12,000 pounds mixed fish to the Consumers last week.

Capt. Nelson Thorburn, who has sailed with much success as master of Gloucester fishing vessels for several years, has been appointed master of the Shelburne schooner Roseway, in place of Capt. Ross Locke who takes charge of the schooner Gladys B. Thorburn, owned by Captain John H. Thorburn, of Sandy Point.

Fishermen Form Union.

Fishermen of Lorneville, N. B., have decided to form a protective union. At the preliminary meeting, George H. Galbraith was elected provisional chairman and Samuel Ferguson secretary. A committee consisting of the chairman and secretary, with William T. Galbraith, Andrew Galbraith, Alexander McAllister and John Byers was appointed to draw up a constitution, and also to interview the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to ask for certain changes in the regulations. The union proposes to ask the fishermen of St. John Harbor, Musquash, Chance Harbor and Lepreaux to affiliate.

Having Diesel Engine.

The Boston schooner Manhasset, Capt. Frank Gray, is at Walen's wharf where she will have a 120 horse power Diesel engine installed. This will be the first Diesel engine to be installed in a Boston or Gloucester fisherman and will also be one of the most powerful engines in a vessel of this kind. The Manhasset will undergo a thorough overhauling and is now stripping her dories and gear before going on Burnham Brothers' ways.

Expect Big Run of Porgies.

Fishermen at Stonington, Conn., are expecting a big run of porgies this year. Capt. George E. Allison, formerly of Gloucester, Mass., is on the scene with a picked crew. He will fish near Point Judith.—Fishing Gazette.

Oporto Market Getting Cleaned.

The Oporto market is at last getting cleaned up and latest advices show that prices are advancing. The Italian market also shows advances, and prices realized recently are exceedingly high. There has been a great shortage of fish suitable for the Italian market. From Southern Brazil the news is that business conditions are very depressed and consequently the sale of dried fish has been restricted. North Brazil, however, reports prices steady and consumption fair. All the West Indian markets are good, not excluding Porto Rico at the present time. The difficulty is to get what supplies they require. The United States market has very little interest to this part of the country at the present time that is so far as cod fish are concerned.—Maritime Merchant.

Take Blues at Florida.

A great many bluefish are being taken at Stuart, Florida. They are fat and vary in size from two to five pounds each.

CAPE NORTH FLEET BOTHERED BY ICE

Season Will be a Failure Unless Latter Breaks Up at Once.

The fleet of shackers that have gone to Cape North are certainly up against it, and unless the ice clears from the Magdalens soon, it is feared that the season will be an utter failure.

On account of the extreme cold weather, which has made the spring backward, the ice is still hanging on, although the skippers and owners are looking for favorable news now most any day that the passage is clear and the fleet have started for the islands for a baiting. Last year the fleet had baited at this time and were fishing.

The season off Cape North when the cod go by is short, beginning anywhere from the 1st to the 15th of the month and continuing for about three weeks. It is a case of making hay while the sun shines, and every day is valuable just about now.

Lobster Shippers Object.

A protest has been lodged with the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries of Maine by Rockland wholesale lobster dealers who object to the methods employed in the inspection of lobsters in transit. When shipped from Rockland the lobsters have been packed and iced with extreme care, but after being overhauled by the wardens, they, in 99 out of every 100 cases, reach their destination in damaged order. Customers have complained to the shippers, who in turn have asked Commissioner Woodbury to have his wardens use methods which will not impair the quality of the stock.

Pigeon Cove Boats Doing Well.

The fishing boats at Pigeon Cove did very well Sunday. The Nettie had 2000 pounds; Nautilus, 1600 pounds; Gracie, 1500 pounds.

Yesterday's catch was between 5000 and 6000 pounds of large market fish. James McDonald took over 1400 pounds alone.

Here's News.

The Fishing Gazette says:

It is currently reported that T wharf the old home of the Boston fish merchants, has been leased for a term of years by a well-known firm of fish merchants of Gloucester, Mass., and several business men of Boston, more or less familiar with the fish business.

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